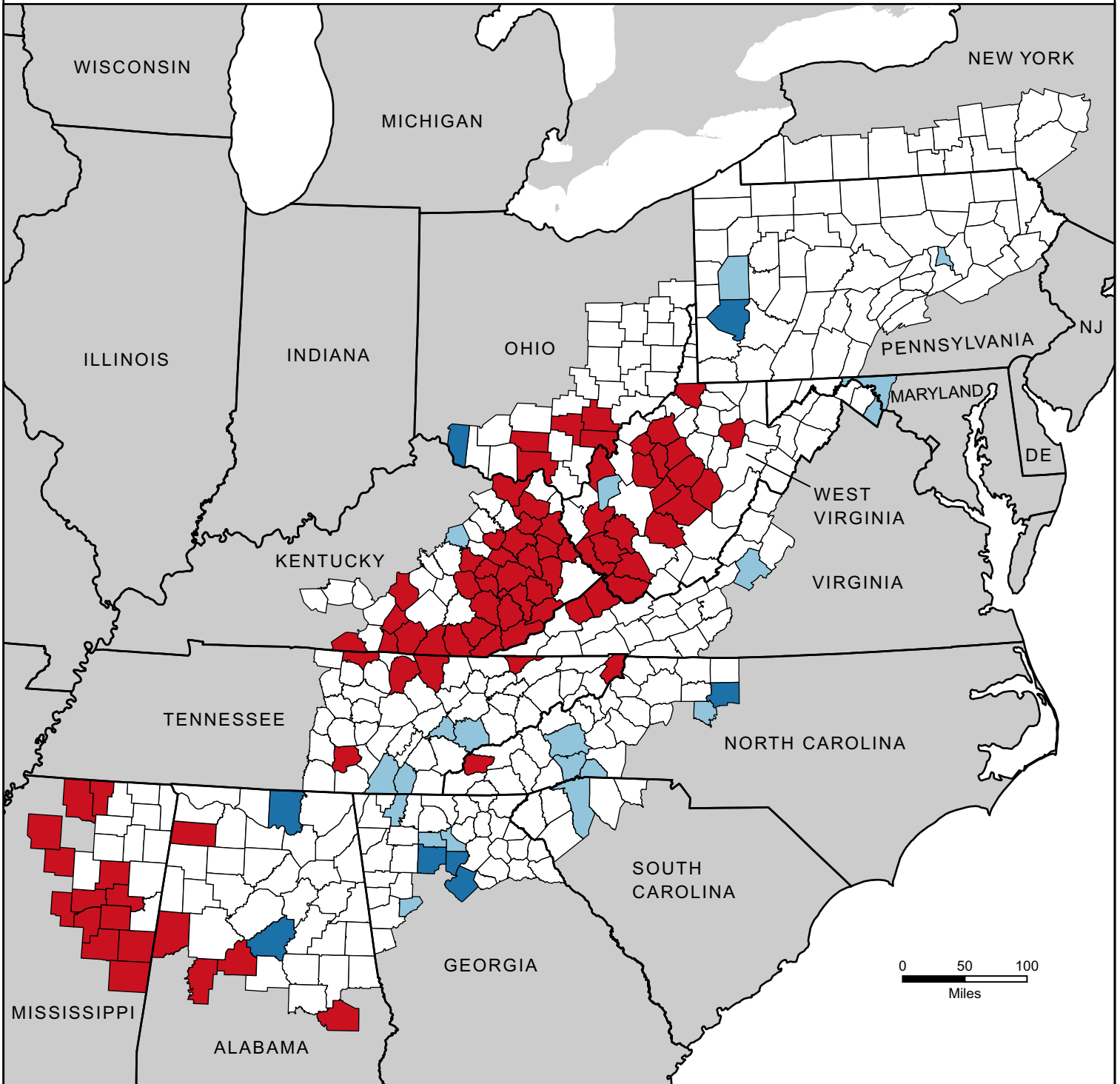


County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2005

(Effective October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005)



Each fiscal year the Appalachian Regional Commission classifies each county into one of four economic levels based on the comparison of three county economic indicators (three-year average unemployment, per-capita market income, and poverty) to their respective national averages. See the reverse side for a description of each economic level.

County Economic Levels

- Distressed (82)
- Transitional (300)
- Competitive (20)
- Attainment (8)



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Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2000-2002;

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2001;

U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3.

**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
Appalachian Regional Commission
Fiscal Year 2005**

Latest County Data as of January 1, 2004

FY 2005 Economic Level	No. of Counties in Appalachia	2000-2002 Three-Year Average Unemployment Rate		2001 Per Capita "Market" Income		2000 Census Poverty Rate	
Distressed	82	7.3% or more [150% of U.S. 4.8%]	<u>and</u>	\$17,627 or less [67% of U.S. \$26,309]	<u>and</u>	18.6% or more [150% of U.S. 12.4%]	<u>OR</u> twice U.S. poverty rate and qualify on one other indicator
Transitional	300	All counties not in other classes. Individual indicators vary.					
Competitive	20	4.8% or less [100% of U.S.]	<u>and</u>	\$21,047 - \$26,308 [80% of U.S. = \$21,047]	<u>and</u>	12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]	
Attainment	8	4.8% or less [100% of U.S.]	<u>and</u>	\$26,309 or more [100% of U.S.]	<u>and</u>	12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]	

Note: Indicator threshold values may not calculate to the exact U.S. average breaking point due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), 2000-2002 (employment data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System (REIS), 2001 (income data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3 (poverty data).

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